Cost of upper Indravati Project

2477. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plea'sed to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the estimated cost of Upper Indravati Project in' Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the revised cost of that project;

(c) the amount spent on that Project So far and the progress of the work;

(d) by when the project is expected to by completed; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the project?

1. *DamjHead wotkx:*
   (i) Indiavafii, Podagada &Kapu£ Dam
   (ii) MuianDam
   (iii) Dykes (8 Nos.)
   iv) Hati Baitaga & Head Ragulafots .
2. *Canal System*
   Left Canal System
   Right Canal System
   Lilt Canal System.
3. *Potential*
   Ultmata Ittigatiaa potential
   Potential achieved upto 3/97

(d) The project is schedulde to bo com pleted by the end of DC Plan i.e., 2001-2002.

(e) Union Government hag extended approved Central loan assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme during 1996-97/1997-98 for early com-pletion-of the project.

Soil erosion and silting of dams and reservoirs in Orissa

2478. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the protlem of soil erosion and silting of dams and reservoirs in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Upper Indravati Project was originally approved by Plaiming Commission during May, 1978 for an estimated cost of Rs. 208.14 crores (1975 price level). The State Government has submitted revised estimate of Upper Indravati Project for Rs. 1476.53 crores (February 1994 price level) to Central Water Commission in November, 1994. The State Government has further been requested to modify the estimate at the Current price level incorporating the comments of the Central Water Commission.

(c) The anticipated expenditure on the project upto 3/97 is Rs. 901.44 crores. The progress of work on the project upto 3/97 is as under:—

	Completed	Works in ptogiess	Completed	Completed
		Concrete & Masonary		
Earth Work				
		85%	75% . 65%	
Nat yet started				
			209.000 hectates	
			30,000 hectares	

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof-

(c) whether Orissa has been facing a serious problem due to erosion of soil and increasing silting of reservoirs and dams in the State;

(d) if so, the dam and reservoir-wise details thereof (in Orissa);

(e) whether Goverament propose to implement any action plan to deal with the situation; and

(f) if so, the detail's thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Soil erosion and silting of reservoirs are natural phenomenae and provisions